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Bills of health from Chilean ports show no material changes. The 2 cases of suspicious nature mentioned in my last report as having occurred near Valparaiso have apparently not been officially confirmed, as bills of health from that port are clean.

#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Reports from Manila*<sup>a</sup>—*Plague and smallpox—Cholera in the provinces—Examination of rats for plague infection—Inspection of vessels.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, May 3 and 11, as follows:

Week ended April 28, 1906. Quarantinable diseases reported for the city of Manila as follows: Smallpox—1 case, 0 deaths. Plague—1 case, 1 death.

During the week cholera was reported from the provinces as follows: 17 cases, 16 deaths.

The following vessel, bound for a United States port, was treated during the week:

On April 23, 1906, the British steamship *Den of Kelly*, with 56 crew, was granted a supplemental bill of health for New York. Crew were inspected on board at hour of sailing. Miscellaneous cargo certified, 4,982 packages.

Week ended May 5, 1906. No quarantinable diseases reported for the city of Manila.

During the same period cholera was reported from the provinces as follows: Province of Pampanga—1 case, 1 death; province of Rizal—6 cases, 4 deaths; total—7 cases, 5 deaths.

The city of Manila has continued free from cholera and the number of cases in the provinces has showed a marked reduction. A rather strange feature of the outbreaks that are occurring in the provinces at the present time is the fact that in a town which has been known to have been free from the disease for a number of weeks several cases will suddenly make their appearance. In every instance it has been impossible to trace the origin of the infection.

*Plague.*—Rats have been examined from every section of the city of Manila. They have all been negative for plague bacilli, with the exception of those found in the district of Binondo which were reported in the report from this office for the week ended April 7, 1906. The infection among the rats in that district is gradually extending, but is still confined to within a radius of six blocks. So far, there have been no further cases in human beings.

During the week vessels departing for United States ports were treated as follows:

On April 30 the U. S. army transport *Thomas*, with 180 crew and 647 passengers, en route to San Francisco via Nagasaki and Honolulu, was granted a bill of health. Crew and steerage passengers were bathed and their effects and baggage disinfected. Cargo inspected and either disinfected or passed and labeled accordingly. Vessel partially disinfected. All persons on board were inspected at the hour of sailing.

On May 2 the British steamship *Indrawadi*, with 61 crew and 2 passengers, was granted a supplemental bill of health for New York via Cebu after the usual inspection of personnel and cargo.

<sup>a</sup> Received out of date.